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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Gerd JONAS, et al.

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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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☒ Full benefit of the filing date of prior U.S. Application Serial No. 09/961,431, filed September 25, 2001, pending, which is a Continuation of U.S Application Serial No. 09/147,476 filed February 25, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,350,710, which was filed as International Application No. PCT/EP97/03380, filed June 27, 1997, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e):

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Date Filed</u>
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☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Germany	196 27 409.5	July 6, 1996
Germany	196 45 240.6	November 2, 1996

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☐ were filed in prior application Serial No. filed

☒ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/EP97/03380, filed June 27, 1997. Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

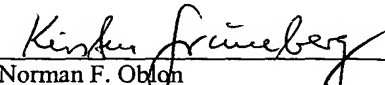
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The applicant is hereby notified of the date of receipt by the International Bureau of the priority document(s) relating to the following application(s):

<u>Priority application No:</u>	<u>Priority date:</u>	<u>Priority country:</u>	<u>Date of receipt of priority document:</u>
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